

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An IV pole, comprising:
a base with a set of three or more wheels coupled thereto;
a pole having a lower portion coupled to the base and an upper portion remote from the base;
at least one intravenous fluid reservoir holder proximate the upper portion of the pole; and
a handle coupled to the pole between the lower portion and the upper portion thereof.
2. The IV pole of claim 1, further comprising an electrical receptacle mounted thereto.
3. The IV pole of claim 2, wherein the electrical receptacle is mounted to the base.
4. The IV pole of claim 2, wherein the electrical receptacle is mounted to the pole.
5. The IV pole of claim 2, wherein the electrical receptacle includes a plurality of electrical outlets.
6. The IV pole of claim 5, wherein the electrical receptacle comprises a six-gang plug strip.
7. The IV pole of claim 2, further comprising a retractable power cord for electrically coupling the electrical receptacle to an electric power supply.
8. The IV pole of claim 2, wherein the retractable power cord comprises a self-coiling electric power cord.

9. The IV pole of claim 1, wherein the base comprises an enclosure that substantially covers the set of wheels.
10. The IV pole of claim 9, further comprising a bumper secured to the enclosure at an outer perimeter thereof.
11. The IV pole of claim 10, wherein the bumper extends along substantially the entire perimeter of the enclosure.
12. The IV pole of claim 9, wherein the set of wheels comprises six wheels.
13. The IV pole of claim 9, further comprising a bumper secured to the base at an outer perimeter thereof.
14. The IV pole of claim 13, wherein the bumper extends along substantially the entire perimeter of the base.
15. The IV pole of claim 9, further comprising an electrical receptacle and a retractable power cord for electrically coupling the electrical receptacle to an electric power supply.
16. The IV pole of claim 15, wherein the retractable power cord comprises a self-coiling electric power cord.
17. The IV pole of claim 1, wherein the handle is movable axially along at least a portion of the pole.
18. The IV pole of claim 1, wherein the handle comprises a ring oriented obliquely relative to the pole.
19. The IV pole of claim 18, wherein the handle is movable axially along at least a portion of the pole.

20. The IV pole of claim 18, wherein the handle further comprises a storage receptacle coupled to the ring.

21. The IV pole of claim 1, further comprising means for towing the IV pole.

22. The IV pole of claim 21, wherein the means for towing the IV pole comprises a fitting coupled to the pole proximate the base and having an aperture for receiving a towing coupling.

23. The IV pole of claim 1, further comprising a hanger coupled to the pole proximate the base for hanging a catheter bag.

24. The IV pole of claim 1, further comprising a catheter bag hanger coupled to the pole at a vertical position wherein, when a catheter bag is hung on the catheter bag hanger and coupled via a catheter to a catheterization site on a patient, the catheter bag is disposed below the catheterization site.

25. The IV pole of claim 1, wherein the pole comprises first and second arms extending substantially vertically upwardly from the base.

26. The IV pole of claim 25, wherein an uppermost portion of the first arm is interconnected with an uppermost portion of the second arm via a rigid U-shaped pole section.

27. The IV pole of claim 25, wherein each of the first and second arms comprises a respective plurality of telescoping tubular sections.

28. The IV pole of claim 25, wherein each of the first and second arms comprises a lower portion secured to the base, a central portion, and an upper portion.

29. The IV pole of claim 28, wherein the upper portion of the first arm is interconnected with the upper portion of the second arm.

30. The IV pole of claim 29, wherein the central portions of the first and second arms are rigidly interconnected via a stabilization bar.

31. The IV pole of claim 30, wherein the stabilization bar defines a plurality of routing channels sized to receive flexible tubing used to carry intravenous fluid.

32. An IV pole, comprising:

a base with a set of at least three wheels coupled thereto, wherein the base includes an enclosure that substantially covers the wheels and a bumper secured to the enclosure at an outer perimeter thereof;

a pole comprising first and second arms extending substantially vertically upwardly from the base, each arm comprising respective lower, central, and upper telescoping portions, wherein the respective lower portions of the first and second arms are securely coupled to the base, and wherein the respective upper portions of the first and second arms are rigidly interconnected with one another, and wherein the respective central portions of the first and second arms are rigidly interconnected via a stabilization bar having a plurality of routing channels sized to receive flexible tubing;

at least one intravenous fluid reservoir holder mounted to the pole proximate the uppermost end thereof; and

a handle coupled to the pole and movable axially along at least a portion of the pole, wherein the handle comprises a ring oriented obliquely relative to the pole.